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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2 – 5 and 8 – 10;

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A wire rope safety barrier for positioning along roads or between carriage ways for traffic in opposite directions, and incorporating a plurality of spaced apart posts, which are substantially vertically anchored in the road side or in a strip positioned between the carriage ways for traffic in opposite direction, which posts in a sliding manner support a number of wire ropes, which wire ropes are spaced apart in vertical direction and are firmly anchored under pretension in end anchors fixedly positioned at opposite ends of the wire ropes outside the positions for the posts, the wire ropes being positioned in receiving means arranged in the posts, detachable cover means being positioned on top of said receiving means, the said posts and the said cover means having cooperating hooking means, preventing the cover means from being thrown off the posts following the impact, when a vehicle hits the wire rope safety barrier and wherein each post has a top end and is provided with a substantially vertical slot opening at the top end, said slots forming the receiving means for the wire rope and wherein the cover means comprises a top cap positioned on top of the post in a position closing off the upper opening of the slot wherein each of the post, close to its top, has an opening and wherein the top cap has an inward projection adapted to enter in the opening at the top of the post, the opening and the post together forming the cooperative hooking means which inhibits components of the safety barrier coming loose and being thrown away from the post in a collision.

2. (Cancelled.)

3. Cancelled.)

4. Cancelled.)

5. Cancelled.)

6. (Original) A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 5, wherein the projections are resilient.

7. (Original) A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cover means comprises a lid of plastic material having at least one resilient inward projection.

8. (Cancelled.)

9. (Cancelled)

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10. (Cancelled)

Please add the following new Claims:

11. (New) A wire rope safety barrier for positioning along roads or between carriage ways for traffic in opposite directions, the barrier comprising:

a plurality of posts spaced apart along the road way wherein the plurality of posts are vertically anchored in the road side wherein the plurality of posts have an I-shaped cross section with an intermediate beam and wherein the plurality of posts define a slot in the intermediate beam, the slot having an opening at the top of the post and wherein the plurality of posts further define an opening on the intermediate beam adjacent the upper end of the plurality of posts;

a plurality of wires positioned within the slots on the plurality of posts so as to extend from post to post along the roadway to thereby define a barrier;

a plurality of covers positioned on the upper end of the plurality of posts adjacent the opening for the slots, wherein the plurality of covers are deformable and include an inward projection that extends into the opening in the plurality of posts to thereby retain the covers on the post.

12. (New) The barrier of Claim 11, wherein the plurality of covers also define an I shaped cross section having a hollow interior section so as to fit over the top of the plurality of posts and wherein the projection is formed on the hollow interior section so as to be positionable into the opening formed in the intermediate section of the plurality of posts.